

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

G. Michael UHLER

Appl. No.: 09/977,084

Filed: October 12, 2001

For: **Method and Apparatus for Binding
Shadow Registers to Vectored
Interrupts**

Confirmation No.: 1919

Art Unit: 2183

Examiner: Eric Coleman

Atty. Docket: 1778.2940000 (0140.00US)

**Request to Apply Previously Paid Issue Fee in Response to Notice of Allowance
and Issue Fees Due**

Mail Stop: Issue Fee

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PO Box 1450
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Sir:

On July 28, 2008, in response to a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fees Due mailed April 28, 2008, Applicants paid the required amount of \$1,740.00. (*See*, Issue Fee Payment dated July 28, 2008 attached hereto as Exhibit A.) This amount covered the \$1,440 issue fee and \$300 publication fee that were the required fees at the time.

Subsequently, on August 7, 2008, Applicants petitioned to withdraw the present application from issue to submit additional art for consideration by the Examiner. On August 21, 2008 the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") issued a second Notice of Allowance and Issue Fees Due (the "Second Notice of Allowance"). (Attached hereto as Exhibit B.) The Second Notice of Allowance referenced the previously paid issue fee of \$1,440. Despite this acknowledgement however, the Second Notice of Allowance indicated total fees due of \$1,440. Applicants respectfully submit that because the required issue fee of \$1,440 has been paid, the total fees due amount of \$1,440 is in error.

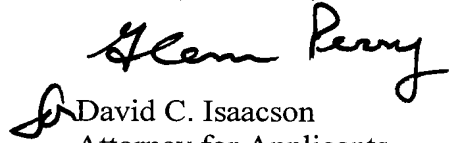
Effective October 2, 2008, the United States Patent and Trademark Office implemented a new Fee Schedule that increased the Utility Patent Issue Fee to \$1,510. This represents a \$70 increase from the previous Issue Fee of \$1,440.

In this light, Applicants have concurrently filed herewith an Issue Fee Transmittal (Form PTOL-85, Part B) corresponding to the second Notice of Allowance and Issue Fees Due. Further, Applicants respectfully request the previously paid Issue Fee of \$1,440.00 be applied in partial satisfaction of the issue fee required by the second Notice of Allowance and Issue Fees Due. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that \$70 to cover the difference between the previously paid Issue Fee and the present Issue Fee amount be debited from Deposit Account No. 19-0036, and respectfully request the application be passed to issue.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims), or other fees that may be due that are not otherwise accounted for herein, are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. If it is believed for any reason that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

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(Date)

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/977,084	10/12/2001	G. Michael Uhler	MIPS.0140-00-US	1919

TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR BINDING SHADOW REGISTERS TO VECTORED INTERRUPTS

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	NO	\$1440	\$300	\$0	\$1740	07/28/2008

EXAMINER	ART UNIT	CLASS-SUBCLASS
COLEMAN, ERIC	2183	712-228000

1. Change of correspondence address or indication of "Fee Address" (37 CFR 1.363).

- ☐ Change of correspondence address (or Change of Correspondence Address form PTO/SB/122) attached.
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Mountain View, California

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- ☐ A check is enclosed.
☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the required fee(s), any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 19-0036 (enclose an extra copy of this form).

5. Change in Entity Status (from status indicated above)

- ☐ a. Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27. ☐ b. Applicant is no longer claiming SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)(2).

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Authorized Signature _____

Date July 28, 2008

Typed or printed name David C. Isaacson

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THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

THE ISSUE FEE AND PUBLICATION FEE (IF REQUIRED) MUST BE PAID WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIS APPLICATION SHALL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED. THIS STATUTORY PERIOD CANNOT BE EXTENDED. SEE 35 U.S.C. 151. THE ISSUE FEE DUE INDICATED ABOVE DOES NOT REFLECT A CREDIT FOR ANY PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE IN THIS APPLICATION. IF AN ISSUE FEE HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN PAID IN THIS APPLICATION (AS SHOWN ABOVE), THE RETURN OF PART B OF THIS FORM WILL BE CONSIDERED A REQUEST TO REAPPLY THE PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE TOWARD THE ISSUE FEE NOW DUE.

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